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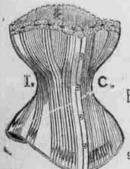
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I hadn't seen Tony Scott for some time,

I had not thought but that my cherished darling was coming on, and would be here soon. Everything was in readiness for the reception.

Five days passed by, and then there was placed in my hands a telegram. I tore the envelope open with an eager

over my face.

A passer-by gave me a startled look, I must have turned as white as a sheet.

The dispatch was from my mother, and

diately."

A stronger and a weaker pen than mine would have attempted to analyze my feelings, but mine must be spared the task. I only wender that I didn't go mad on the spot. My sober reason abandoned the attempt to solve the mystery, but my heart instinctively pointed out an imaginary telltale finger at Tony Scott! Men have fallen in love with portraits before to-day; they have been villains, schemers, abductors and seducers before to-day, and I had been jealous of his admiration of my wife's portrait before to-day.

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I ran to the railroad depot at once and asked everybody employed there more questions than they could have answered under any circumstances: but I didn't get the least satisfaction out of any of them, or stimble upon the smallest clae. All I could learn was that Tony Scott had gone East about ten days ago. The ticket-seller thought he had sold him a ticket to Kausas City, but he wasn't sure.

mpany. "On what night did a young lady with a "On what night did a young lady with a little baby arrive via Rock Island, and take passage in a sleeper to Las Vegas?"
"We have them every night," I was told.
"This one wore a black satin cloak, trimmed with fur."
"Ask!"
"Dark complexioned blue evers."

Dark complexioned, blue eyes-"Ves, yes; I remember now. There was ome trouble about the baggage, there was one trouble about the baggage, there was one trouble about the total the term to the term of the term of the term tem Chicago."

from Chicago."

"Have you the recoipt?"

"I presented the request with a green-back and trembling limbs."

"Wait a moment."

A minute of breathless expectation passed, and then I was shown the relate certificate with my wife's algorithm on the back of it, "Emmy Gerner." The date was two weeks back.

"Did she go on at once to Las Vegas?"

"She wanted to, I believe, but looked so

pale and sick that her companion advised

Companion!" I fairly shouted. "Yes, a young gentleman."

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"That's the man."

"Ah! For (ind's sake man, tell me, did they go on, or see they in town here yet."

"They went on together last night."

"To Last Vegas?"

"Exactly. He wanted to pay for her ticket, but she declined positively."

I tottered away. At the ticket office of the Pullman Company I ascertained that section No. 6 of the palace-sleeper Guayman had been let to a young lady with a baby, lower, and a gentleman, who was evidently accompanying her, upper.

I went to the Contest House, where I examined the register. A few pages back I found these entries:

"Mrs. Richard Gerner, Hoboken, N. J."

"Anthony Wayne Scott, Lynn, Mass."

I besieged the hotel cierk and proprietor with questions, and learned that my wife had been ill for a long time and confined to her room. Furthermore, that Tony Scott had attended to all wants with a rare devotion.

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to her room. Furthermore, that Tony Scott had attended to all wants with a rare devetion.

"What was her demeanor toward him?" "She seemed grateful and friendly, but nothing more. Poor lady, she looked very sad and ill. We had to carry her into the ceach. She would go, in spite of the doctor's remonstrances."

That same night I was on my way back to Las Vegas, torn with condicting emotion, Why didn't she manage to telegraph me? The villian intercepted them!

Within forty endless hours I was back at the depot in Las Vegas. Had a young lady with a baby and a pile of baggage sarrived yearday? I was answered in the affirmative on all sides.

"And was Mr. Scott with her?" I asked of one who knew Scott well.

"Yes, sir, he was."

"Where—where did they go to?"

"Dunne. They had a carriage and drove away—into the cild town, I suppose."

If they had had a bar at the depot I'd have treated that fellow to a drink. He got a cigar instend. I jumped into a street ar sad hastened to my lodgings.

To my amazement, I found the door of my room unlocked. I pushed it open. The seene that met my eyes was: My wife was sitting on a rocker by the five, singing softly to the baby, with a happy smile on her face; Tony Scott standing by the window, clamly sucking one of my cigars and chatting merrily with my wite.

With a revolver in my hand, I entered the room.

My wife started to her feet, uttered a

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My wife started to her feet, uttered a glad cry, hastily placed the baby on the bed and rushed into my arms. One of my arms involuntarily clasped the dear form to my beson. I fixed my eyes on Tony Scott. But he had bigger eyes than I had. He looked into my eyes with a puzzled stare, then looked at my revolver and then into my eyes area. "What's got into you?" he asked,

calmly.

I felt that there was a mistake so

where, and tossed the revolver on the table, while I kissed my sobblug wife. I tried to say something, but, for want of knowing what to say, I said nothing. "What took you to Kansas City in such a confounded hurry, anyhow?" Tony asked, pulling a cloud of smoke toward the canvas

ceiling.
In reply I tomed my mother's telegram on the table.
"Why, I telegraphed you from Kansas City immediately on the arrival of your wife there, and we were both astonished that there was no reply."
"But what in thunder took you to Kansas City"! I exclaimed.

City? I exclaimed.

He fought me with my own weapons. He tossed a telegram on the table for me to read:

read:

A. B. Sreil, ess., Los Vegas:

Will come to an understanding on those sheetings. Bring samples back and come on at once.

"And at the station I stumbled," he added, explanatorily, "upon this lady, in whom I at once recognized your wife. I was ready to accompany her on to Las Vegas by the next train, and let the business go to the dence; but she was evidently not well, and so I counseled her to stay over. It was very wise as it turned out, for she was soill that the remainder of her journey might have been fatal to her. When we finally did got here we were informed, to our amazement, that you had gone to Kansas City."

He wound up his recital with a dry intonation, as if to give me to understand that he knew exactly how the landlay, and that I had done a most ridiculous thing.

Well, there's no harm done. Tony Scott.

Well, there's no harm done. Tony Scott and I are pards as of old, and intend to work a little racket in the mines together shortly. My wife took some time to get used to Las Vegns, but she's acclimatized now; and as for the baby, it's alive and kicking yet, and no mistake.

My wife's portrait is on exhibition for public and universal admiration.

Now, reader, for once in your life, you have read a true story, as it actually occurred. When you come to Las Vegas ask for Richard Gerner.

Old Hickory Jackson's Vasc. All visitors to the Exposition should call at the Department of South Carolina and

vase of shiver weighing one ounces, and in-scribed appropriately, in acknowledgment of the obligations of the sex to the hero who had saved their slaters of New Orleans from the grasp of Packenham's soldiery, who had been inspired by his promises of "booty and beauty" to stimulate them to the capture of

Alton of South Carolina, to be awarded to the bravest man of that regiment.

The Governor, unable to distinguish among this Spartan band, presented and conveyed it to William E. Stanley, Presi-dent of the Palmetto Association, and his

dent of the Palmetto Association, and his successors in effice.

Captain Stanley took it to the Exposition, to the meeting of the Mexican Veterans, and left it with the South Carolina Department, to be gazed on and admired by all who reverence heroic patriotism. The Captain, a noble, creet and soldierly old man uncle of our Stanley of Greenville), with Jake Martin and four others of the Palmetto Regiment, were present at the meeting of the Mexican Veterans, and excited almost as much interest as the vasc of which he was the bearer. Long may be live to enjoy the honor, renown and frongs of friends that surround him whorever he moves among us. He is now Mayor of Commbia, S. C. and looks to be good for twenty years more, and likely to be the survivor of the Palmettos, of whom fifty at lill live.—[Montgomery Advertiser.

The March Mortality.

The March Moriality.

The mortality for the month of March was the highest by 2.05 per 1,000 for eleven years. The increase in the number of deaths from pneumonia slone, ever the previous March, was almost sufficient to cause the increase. The number of deaths from this disease was 67, which was an increase of 25 ever the corresponding month of last year. The total number of deaths was 467, and the death rate per 1,000 per annum was 25.02.

THE National Electric Bath Company filed papers of incorporation with the Re-corder yesterday. The capital stock is \$100,000, and the object is to magnifacture electrical bath appliances. The incorporat-ors are William W. Karshusr, Charles M. Nye and Charles D. Hudson. THE SEASON OPENED.

The First Come of the Nationals as an Eastern League Club.

Winning the game yesterday was the casiest kind of work for the home team. The Wilmingtons, with the exception Jones, were totally unable to hit Barr's pitching. The home nine found Pollard quite difficult to hit, and consequently did not come up to their usual form. The esme clubs will play to-day and, as Barr will be left off, the game will doubtless be

Deasley, the young short-stop of the Wilmingtons, played a part of the season last year with the Nationals. He is a brother of Tom Deasley, who caught in the last New York game here. Young Deasley has the elements of a successful ball clayer, and it remains solely with himself bether he over attains the high positio in brother occupies.

Jones of the Wilmingtons caught a fine game yesterday. Pollard's pitching was very wild, and if it had out been for Jones' gulckness there would have been a number

Fisher of the Wilmingtons made a beau-tiful eatch in right field. There is material for a good nine as soon as they get down to hard work.

hard work.

The crowd was up to the usual mark in point of numbers. The only falling off noticeable was smong the ladies.

The gentlemen who take ladies to the upper grand stand are much indebted to Mr. Richard Furtner for the courtesy he displays, and the efforts he makes at all times to scure them the best sents possible. His efforts cannot be too highly appreciated.

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efforts cannot be too highly appreciated.

The Nationals showed a marked improvement in fielding grounders yesterday. In several instances, by running in on such balls, they threw a man out, where it would otherwise have bell a base hit.

Paul Hines umpired the game in a highly satisfactory manner yesterday. Hines would like very much to play with the Nationals, and would be willing to play for a good deal less money than he is receiving, but if he plays anywhere it must be with the Providence Club. It is not generally known, but Hines is worth in the neighborhood of \$20,000, mostly saved from his salary as a baseball player. It is largely invested in real estate in this city and Bosten.

"Lke" Steams retires with a fortune. It was no more than fair that Steams should have umpired the games last mouth as in last quite a sum by the failure of the Union

Association to pay him.

Lucas' blacklisted players laid the Chicagoes out yesterday before 7,000 people. Wonder if Spaulding feels repaid for forcing their admission? Sweeney pitched for the St. Louis in great style.

The Bostons were defeated by the New-arks yesterday. How these bum (?) clubs do play ball.

When the Providence Club was here it would have no umpire but Stearns, work during April was most creditable. would have no impure but Stearns. His work during April was most creditable.

The Falcon and Tredwell Baseball Clubs, which gained a high mark for their excellent playing in South Washington last season, has been reorganized for the coming season with much stronger players than before. In the ranks of the Tredwells are some of the best amateur players in the city, while the Falcons can boast of having secured some well-known professional players. The opening game of the season was played yeaterday afternoon on the diamond in the Washington Barracks grounds and was witnessed by a large and eighnisastic crowd of people. Both nines were in fair trim, and, though lacking practice, played a most encouraging game. The nines were composed as follows: Falcons—Palge (p.). T. Kinslow (c.). G. Cook (th.), T. Collins (zb.), D. Collins (3b.), S. King (s. z.), F. Ashford (r. f.), F. Javins (c. f.), J. McCarty (l. f.). Tredwells—B. Clarkson (p.), J. Varnell (c.), W. Garvey (tb.), H. Leach (2b.), D. Perkins (2b.), G. Sianer (s. z.), W. Josetti (r. f.), W. Scishear (c. f.), F. McCauley (l. f.). Seven limings were played and the game resulted in favor of the Tredwells by a score of 8 to 4. The second game will be played next week.

A very successful meeting of the new rowing club was held last night. Reports from several committees were received. The first four-cared shell will be ready by May 10. In the meantime the senior four will row in two double working-boats from Camberland's new boat-house. There is some talk of buying an eight for this season and a six-cared barge. The club will not only have good senior and junior fours, but also a light-weight four. If the senior four comes up to expectations it will be sent to the National Association and other outside reguttas. The services of Mr. John Kennedy, as trainer, were formally engaged.

The Columbias receive the new organiza-ROWING RIPPLES.

The Columbias receive the new organiza-tion with every mark of favor. They recog-nize in its members foeman worthy of their test efforts. The Columbia boys are deserting the ball ground for the river

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More Jerseys; and Jerseys come and go as fast as in their palmiesi day—it is their palmiest day. Jerseys never rejoiced in a tenth of the fripperice they now put on. It was rather a lump to plain Jerseys, The fashion-makers and out that they might as well have made them pretty, Jerseys have taken new lease of life. Even children's Jer-seys begin to be pretty. Good sign. DRISSIS. Whatever sort of dress you are

minking of, expect to find it. Every sort of sady-made has its peculiar scope and limitanone. Whatever is reasonable, that and a lit-If trade to dull, times hard, stocks low and

spirits ditto-all the more reason for dropping in where trade is never dull, times never oard, stocks never low, and spirits ditto-and orighten up a little.

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MY WIFE, MY PARD AND L

A STEAY LEAF FROM LAS VEGAS EICHARD GERNER.

You see, I had tuberenlose disease of the lungs, and so they wanted me to go to New Mexico, somewhere on the plateau.

"Take your wife and baby along!" exclaimed Dr. Sumner: "Never! why, the poor little thing isn't aix weeks old. I couldn't think of permitting you to expose its frail existence to the rigors of a winter on the New Mexican plateau. It wouldn't live a month. And as for your wife, she's got enough to do to take care of herself and the baby, in comfort and at leisure, with-

out having to name you and endure hard-ships into the bargain." All this was spoken rapidly and before I could interpose a word. I involuntarily lifted my hand as if in remonstrance, but i let it drop again, and silently admitted the

force of the argument. "You must leave her with her mother or with yours until abo is ready to follow you. said Dr. McCready.

And so it was. My poor little wife, it nearly broke her heart. But it couldn't be helped. Within a week I was ready. The good by was awful.

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That is how I came to go to New Mexico. Time hung heavily on my hands, and between reading stories in the newspapers and writing melancholy letters to my wife I just managed to escape committing suicide. A position was promised me with a prominent citizen of Las Vegas, who needed the services of one just like me, but he was out of town, and wouldn't be back for several weeks. I had this time to kill.

Idleness is a bad thing for any man, and acquaintances are made in spite of oneself. I was at leisure to make the acquaintance of a young fellow a few years my senior, one Tony Scott, late of Chicago, but now on the road for a New England mercantile house. Circumstances compelled him to lay over in Las Vegas for a couple of weeks. He was a fine fellow, as the saying goes, a perfect gentleman, with a thorough knowledge of the world and a sociable companion par excellence. He did me the honor to come to my room, smoke my cigars, drink my liquor and win a V or an X of me, now and then, at various little games. I took a sort of liking to him, and he did to me, for known reasons, and so we became more or less intimate after a while. At any rate he knew all about my coming to New Mexico; what I knew of him doesn't matter.

I only dragged in the mention to give you to understand how we spent many an hour together between the drinking, smoking and playing. He did the smoking—my physicians told me I might smoke any day I was ready to put an end to my existence. Tony was immensely pleased with the portisit of my wife I carried about with me, He, himself, was a bachelor. At first I was lattered by his compliments to her "beauty and intellectuality;" but as he brought the subject up almost every time he came, I began to feel annoyed about it. "When is she coming on to join you?" he asked me one day.

"Pon my word I don't know," I replied, curtly,
"I don't see how you can get along without her.

"Well, I can't very well; but t

out her.

"Well, I can't very well; but then a fellow must make up his mind to a great many things." And I heaved a deep sight.

"If I were as sick a man as you were, I'd have my wife with me to nurse me, you can bet," he went on.

I poured out a finger of "blue grass" and gulped it down. I didn't have a word to say for myself. I wanted to have the subject changed. I was about to attempt to effect this when Tony asked, with quick persistence:

"Have you written her of your illas" I had, but I didn't say so. I shook my

head.
"Noble fellow!" exclaimed Tony.
I bit my lip. He smiled ironically.
"If I were your wife and knew you to
lie dewn here sick among strangers. I'd
come on by the next train and throw all
secondary considerations to the devil." he
continued. Continued.

I arose from my seat impatiently and confronted him.

If it is going to give you any satisfaction to know it," I said sullenly, "then let me tell you that I'm afraid she'g on the way here now, but I do sincerely hope she isn't, for she would go to pieces in this hole in no time."

The weeks went by and I obtained my position. I was so well satisfied with the salary, and I felt so far improved in health that I wrote my wife to pack up and come

"She has telegraphed me, immediately on receipt of my letter, that she is com-ing at once," L sollioquized, smiling all over my face.

read:
"Your letter a mystery. Emmy has left here two weeks ago. Answer imme-

thought he had sold him a ticket to Kausas City, but he wasn't sure.

On the wings of the wind I hastened to my employer, told him my patiful story, and begged him for leave of absence. The request was of course granted immediately. I threw my valise full of things and departed for Kausas City at once, barely catching the train. I thought my path lay twice acress the equator, so long it seemed. I nover saw a train crawl so much in all my life before. I had arrived at the central metropolis of the United States more dead than alive, and my at once to the ticketthan alive, and run at once to the ticket-office both of the read and of the Pullman

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